

POLICY
TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD

PRORATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board interprets Rule 0870-01-.11(1) as meaning that massage therapists are not required to obtain continuing education during months in which their licenses are in “retired” status for the whole month. A massage therapist whose license was retired for a portion of a continuing education cycle may be required to obtain fewer than 25 continuing education hours. A massage therapist whose license was retired for the entirety of a continuing education cycle is not required to earn any continuing education hours during that cycle.

All massage therapists whose licenses are active for any portion of a continuing education cycle will be required to complete at least four (4) hours of continuing education: two (2) hours pertaining to Tennessee statutes and rules concerning massage therapists and establishments (Rule 0870-01-.12(1)(b)), and two (2) hours pertaining to the management of practicing massage therapy, professional ethics, or substance abuse (Rule 0870-01-.12(1)(c)).

A massage therapist whose license was retired for a portion of a continuing education cycle will be required to complete continuing education according to the following chart:

Months Active	Hours required
1	4
2	4
3	4
4	5
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	9
9	10
10	11
11	12
12	13

Months active	Hours required
13	14
14	15
15	16
16	17
17	18
18	19
19	20
20	21
21	22
22	23
23	24
24	25

Massage therapists who allow their licenses to expire in lieu of submitting an affidavit of retirement shall be required to earn all twenty-five (25) continuing education hours as set forth in Rule 0870-01-.12(1).

Adopted by the Tennessee Massage Licensure Board on November 3, 2015.